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SUPPLEMENTAL REPLY BRIEF TO EXAMINER'S ANSWER

Sir:

This document is a request to strike section A. EXAMINER'S ANSWER APPEARS DEFECTIVE, from page 2 of Appellants' Reply Brief to Examiner's Answer and that it not be considered by the Board of Appeals and Patent Interferences.

The section argues the Examiner's Answer appears defective because it was not signed by Examiner Cong-Lac Huynh.

On March 4, 2003 Heather R. Herndon, Supervisory Patent Examiner, Technology Center 2100 called appellants' attorney and said it is common practice, in

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this Technology Center, for non-signatory examiners not to sign. Apparently, Examiner Cong-Lac Huynh does not have signatory authority, so could not sign.

In view of this information, appellants respectfully request the deletion of this section and regret any inconvenience this may have caused.

Respectfully Submitted,



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